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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an Response and Amendment for this application.

STATUS

2.

[] a small entity. A statement:
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EXTENSION OF TERM

3.

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

4. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

Fee for	
all entity	
55.00	
205.00	
465.00	
725.00	

Fee: \$950.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request

OR

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

[Col. 1]

[Col. 2]

[Col. 3] Small Entity

Other Than a Small Entity

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total 10	Minus 20	=0	x \$9 =	\$	x \$ 18 =	\$0.00
Indep. 1	Minus 3	=0	x \$43 =	\$	x \$ 86 =	\$0.00
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+\$145 =		+ \$290 =	
		Total Addit.	Fee: \$	Total Addit.	Fee \$	

If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,

WARNING:

"After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) [X] No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) [] Total additional fee for claims required

FEE PAYMENT

6.	[]	Attached is a check in the sum of \$ for additional claims
	[]	Charge Account No. 04-1105 the sum of \$

^{**} If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

7. [X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

AND/OR

[X] If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2004, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.